--- "Series of 1880-81" - TOBACCO - Hamilton Division - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- inscribed *C. G. Fortier / Collector* **- scanned at 67% scale - 238 x 20 mm ---**

Chris Ryan reports that *C. G. Fortier* replaced *William Patton* as Collector at Hamilton on July 1st 1879.

Initially John McKay records that 2,773,966 lithographed copies of "1-10th Black Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). In the second line entry of 10,521,000 lithographed strips he probably is recording the 'Delivery' of the City-Code copies.

John McKay further records that 605,150 lithographed copies of "1-10 lb. Black (old) Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892).

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	-	2,773,966
	-	10,521,000
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	-	605,150
		13,900,116

Working from the last recorded control number - as collected to date

Division Open	89,059
Hamilton Division	29,211
Montreal Division	519,308
Montreal Division - M 14	388,484
Quebec Division	642,172
Quebec Division - N 14	
Red controls -	5,000,000 - an estimate only
Blue controls -	5,000,000 - an estimate only
Toronto Division	99,688
Toronto Division - C 14	166,185
Windsor Division	340,763
	13,264,870

I cannot agree with giving every variant strip a separate catalogue number. The Lee Brandom "TP" strips, and the *imperforate* strips, are in most cases simply unfinished remnants which were 'Delivered' to the Department by BABN in February / March 1888. Catalogue suffixes should be reserved to distinguish "watermarked / unwatermarked", and "perforated / roulette" strips, plus "overprints".

It seems from the work of Chris Ryan, that these strips are *monthly dated* using a twenty-four period *fiscal year* beginning on July 1st, and that the companies were using the *calendar year* in dating.

The catalogue lists the 1/10th pound, black, Hamilton Division, TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-18 - 1/10th pound, black, perforated 12, Hamilton Division, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RP-18n - 1/20th pound, black, perforated 12, Hamilton Division, *without* control numbering, Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - an unfinished remnant strip

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--- RP-18 - *perforated 12* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RP-18 - 1/20th pound, black, perforated 12, Hamilton Division, control number **029211**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - with an unreadable rose ink cancellation

029211★	RP-18	1/10th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

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The following *imperforate* strip is an unfinished remnant. It was scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a catalogue number.

1/20th pound, black, *imperforate*, Hamilton Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - a badly bent remnant strip

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